

**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

**State Peace and Development Council Chairman  
Senior General Than Shwe  
accepts credentials of Ambassador of Japan**



*Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of Japan Mr Yasuaki Nogawa in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov— Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, newly accredited Ambassador of Japan to the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen

Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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**Breeze after the storm**

According to reliable sources, our nation is seeing signs of progress these days. There usually comes a breeze following the storm. Due to the storm that was unbearable to experience, there were few losses but now the nation is in peace. The majority of the people are now in a position to live in peace and security. As the Sayadaw has said, the situation has been well handled. Now we, the ordinary people, are doing our jobs peacefully.

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Po Ni (KYAUKMYAUNG)

**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**



# PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 3 November, 2007

## Preserve and safeguard national spirit and culture through the might of performing arts

The prize-distribution ceremony for the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the City Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on a grand scale on 1 November with an address by Patron of the Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

The Myanmar performing arts has been flourishing as a bank of Myanmar culture and custom up to date as it has emerged through a combination of preservation and innovation of traditions and culture. The perpetual existence of the national culture and style without harming the original modes can be attributed to the fine traditions of Myanmar in preserving own culture and traditions.

And the preservation and promotion of the Myanmar performing arts through the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions has contributed a lot to further flourishing of Myanmar traditions and culture. The Myanmar performing arts and literature highlight ethics and codes of conduct of the Myanmar society.

It is incumbent upon each and every citizen to continue preserving the race, religion and culture as Myanmar performing arts, national characters as well as national prestige and integrity have been flourishing up to date.

Therefore, the artistes are to equip the new generation artistes with national spirit and culture through the might of performing arts while raising of the momentum of achievement gained from the Performing Arts Competitions.

## Seven members quit Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 2 Nov — Member U Ohn Ngwe of National League for Democracy of Nyaungbintha Village of Sagaing Township of Sagaing Division on 26 September, members U Yi, U Tin Win, U Thauung Shwe, U Kan Shein and U Khin Maung of Kyakhat Village on 2 October and U Khin Maung Lay of Tegyi Village on 10 October resigned from the NLD of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they no longer wished to stand as members of the NLD, and that is why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition. — MNA

# People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

## People in Chin and Kachin States, Magway Division, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Division denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — The people of Falam, Haka, Matupi, Mindat, Kanpetlet, Reedkhardar, Rezwa and Kyikha of Chin State, Chipwe Township of Kachin State, Pauk Township of Magway Division and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township and Chanayethazan and Patheingyi Townships of Mandalay Division who favour stability of the nation, prevalence of law and order and peace and tranquillity regarded the protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability.

On 23 October, over 16,000 people of Falam, over 7,800 people of Haka, about 13,500 people of Matupi, about 11,000 people of Mindat, over and 1,200 people of Kanpetlet walked in procession to denounce the recent protests in their respective regions, chanting



Local people in Patheingyi express desire to denounce recent protests. — MNA

slogans such as "Our Three Main National Causes and the seven-step Road Map must be successful" and holding placards that read 'We favour peace and stability', 'We oppose unrest and violence' and 'Beware of skyful liars RFA, VOA and BBC'. Similar processions were held in Reedkhardar with the participation of over 2,300 people on 24 October, in Rezwa with the

participation of about 5,000 people and Kyikha with over 2,000 people on 25 October.

Likewise, over 7,000 people walked in procession in the urban area of Chipwe of Kachin State on 25 October. On 28 October, about 8,000 people participated in the ceremony to walk in procession in Pauk Township of Magway Division. In addition, over 27,000 peo-

ple of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and over 35,000 people of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe walked in procession in the respective townships. Similar processions were organized in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Division with the participation of over 28,000 people and Patheingyi Township with over 15,000 people, chanting slogans and holding placards. — MNA

## HK Express Airways launches maiden flight to Yangon

YANGON, 2 Nov — A ceremony to welcome a flight of Hong Kong Express Airways of Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China was held at Yangon International Airport, here, this morning.

Flight No UO 791 of Boeing 737-800 of Hong Kong Express Airways landed at the airport at 9.50 am.

Present at the ceremony were Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department for Civil Aviation under

the Ministry of Transport, officials from the departments under the ministries, staff of Hong Kong Express Airways and local and international airlines.

Hong Kong-Yangon-Hong Kong flight of Hong Kong Express Airways will fly twice a week on every Tuesday and Thursday.

The maiden flight landed here with 27 passengers and took off with 11 passengers.

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Boeing 737-800 of Hong Kong Express Airways arrives in Yangon International Airport.

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A woman of the Miao ethnic group airs bundles of rice in the sun in Xiaosang Miao Village of Rongshui county, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 31 Oct, 2007. Local residents of the Miao ethnic group reaped and aired the glutinous rice in the harvest season, making a very appealing countryside autumn scenery. — XINHUA

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Ship hijacked off Somali coast regains control

NAIROBI, 1 Nov—The crew of a ship hijacked off the Somali coast late Monday have defeated the pirates and regained control of the ship, a regional maritime official confirmed here Tuesday.

The crew were sailing the ship to the Somali capital of Mogadishu after defeating the pirates, said Andrew Mwangura, the programme coordinator of the East Africa Seafarers Assistance Programme.

There are 22 crew members on the DPRK (the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) ship *DIA HONGA DAN*, outnumbering the eight pirates, the official told *Xinhua* by telephone.

The incident was the latest case in what has become an increasingly lucrative business for pirates prowling the waters of the lawless country. The US Navy said coalition forces patrolling the Red Sea region had opened fire

on pirates who seized a chemical tanker on Sunday, destroying speedboats the hijackers typically use in their raids.

Vessels often have little choice but to pass along the Somali coast, which sits along an important shipping route between the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. The International Maritime Board has urged to stay 200 nautical miles from the coast, but many drift closer.

The world's maritime body says there have been at least 26 reported hijackings off the Somali coast in 2007 and several boats in the region are currently being held by gunmen.

MNA/Xinhua

## Rice asked over immunity granted to Blackwater guards

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was asked to respond to reports that her department offered immunity to Blackwater security guards involved in a shooting incident in Iraq last month. In a statement to the Secretary of State, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman and Democratic presidential candidate Joseph Biden said that Rice should explain whether Blackwater security guards had been granted immunity from prosecution when the State Department investigated the shooting.

The *New York Times* reported on Tuesday that Blackwater guards gained the limited-use immunity during an inquiry by the State Department's investigative arm, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (BDS).

Limited-use immunity, as officials told the newspaper, means that security guards were promised they would not be prosecuted for anything they said in their interviews with the authorities as long as their statements were true.

"Press reports today indicate that DS (Department of State) agents offered grants of immunity to Blackwater employees after the 16 September shooting incident in

Baghdad. Are these reports accurate?" Biden said. "If so, who authorized these grants of immunity? Was there consultation with the Department of Justice prior to such grants of immunity?"

Citing unidentified officials close to the BDS investigation, the report said that only prosecutors at the Justice Department have authority to grant such immunity, but they had no advance knowledge of the BDS arrangement.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) took over the case on 3 October and has since then begun to re-interview Blackwater employees without granting any immunity to assemble independent evidence of possible wrongdoing.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack tried to distance Rice from the immunity scandal by saying she has steadfastly supported accountability for anyone involved in the Blackwater shootings found to have broken the law.

He noted that it was Rice who asked the FBI to take over the investigation from the BDS.—MNA/Reuters

## Four killed in UAE factory blaze

DUBAI, 1 Nov—Four people were killed and eight were wounded in a fire that blazed through an industrial area in the United Arab Emirates, the state-run WAM news agency said on Tuesday.

Two people were killed in the fire that destroyed three factories manufacturing lubricants, glass and paper in the emirate of Sharjah, and two others had died later in hospital, WAM said. Seven cars were also destroyed in the blaze that began on Monday evening.

Sharjah police said the fire, which blazed for five hours, caused serious damage in Industrial Zone 13, destroying 10 storage tanks carrying 12,000-

15,000 gallons of lubricants, it added.

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## Two US soldiers killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov—Two American soldiers were killed and two others wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near their vehicle in northern Iraq, the US military said on Thursday.

The attack took place on Wednesday when the troops were conducting operations in the northern province of Nineveh, a military statement said.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq to about 3,845 since the outbreak of the Iraqi war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russia 'terrorist' bus bomb kills eight, injures 56

MOSCOW, 1 Nov—At least eight people were killed and 56 were injured on Wednesday in an explosion on a bus in the Russian city of Togliatti and authorities said they were treating the suspected bombing as a terrorist act. The early morning explosion on the bus, which came as people travelled to work in the rush hour, was probably caused by about one kilogramme (2.2 pound) of explosives, local police sources were quoted by local news agencies as saying.

*Interfax* said eight people were killed and 56 others injured in the incident, including passengers and bystanders. Some of those injured were in a critical condition, *Interfax* said.

"A criminal case under the clause for terrorism has been opened," Vladimir Artyakov, the governor of the local Samara Region, where Togliatti is situated, was quoted as saying by *RIA* news agency.

He said prosecutors had also opened criminal cases for murder and the illegal storage of explosives.

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Hovercrafts dock on the riverside of the border river of Heilongjiang between China's Heihe port and Russia's Blagoveshchensk port on 1 Nov, 2007. The transportation by the means of hovercrafts between the countries began in the year of 1992. — XINHUA



# Breeze after the storm

*Po Ni (Kyaukmyaung)*

A monk who daily visits our house for alms food once said that those with low reasoning power and poor experience put all the blame on others; those with normal reasoning power and normal experience blame themselves; and those with good reasoning power and rich experience tried to find out the root cause of a problem and seek a way to solve it.

Firstly, I would like to present some salient points about myself. I never speak loudly and indiscreetly. I have suppressed my feelings for many times. So, I want to say something. I was in the tenth standard when the 1988 unrest occurred. In the same academic year, some of classmates were in the ninth standard because they failed the examination. At that time, a variety of rumours were spreading across the nation. I was just a high school student without any experience about unrest. So, I trusted in all what I heard, and the hearsay raised my blood pressure, provoking my emotional feelings. Being a young man, I was unable at all to control my feeling of making sacrifices owing to the words of instigation such as "Won't you people carry out any movements for that?"

Many youths became hot-blooded, trusting in the deceptions of some politicians who, staying in safe places, conspired plots and agitated the people. Some friends of mine and I claimed that **we would never act without our own initiative, and we would never get ourselves used by others. However, in practice, we were unable to make correct decisions due to lack of experience and maturity.**

Fortunately, before I took part in the movements, I had good opportunities to make reviews about the current affairs correctly thanks to the explanation of my parents endowed with foresight and reasoning power. Studying whatever publications and old

newspapers available, I held discussions with my friends about many historic events such as backgrounds of successive Myanmar kings, social and political affairs in those times, Myanmar people's living conditions in the times of the British and the Fascists, untold stories faced by Myanmar people, movements carried out in unison by national leaders and the people in the pre-independence period, the situation in which the people had to live in a state of panic in the post-independence period, the political situations in the parliamentary democracy period in which self-centered politicians who deceived the people for votes, tried to sow enmity among Tatmadaw members in the interests of their parties, the Caretaker Government that emerged according to the historical needs, the Revolutionary Council Government, and the founding of the Myanma Socialist Programme Party according to the prevailing conditions. We also gained knowledge about the wedge driven among national races the colonialists, racialism, the historical background and methods of insurgent groups that emerged due to their sticking to sectarianism. Moreover, we studied strengths and weaknesses of international policies.

We came to understand that we needed to catch up with prevailing conditions, to view all situations, we liked or disliked, from both points of views, and to listen to the words of both sides. Only then would it be possible for us to weigh the situations correctly. We did not know much about politics. As an ordinary public member, I noticed that those who carried out politics with their concepts did not look forward to opportunities. They were satisfied if their efforts came to fruition and they preferred to live as ordinary members of the public only. Such persons were organized and used at will by political opportunists.

**Why does one want to uproot that sapling instead of trying to nurture it to be in full bloom and bear fruits?**

**It would be a devastating blow to the future of our democratic nation if there were any anarchic acts by forming mobs and personal grudge whenever such disturbances occurred.**

Selfish politicians always sought opportunities and were always ready to seize power and position.

While we were conducting self-studying, the 1988 unrest became anarchic, and evil and horrifying incidents were taking place in various places at any time. There was a sign of alien invasion of the nation, and some forces were plotting schemes to divide the nation into pieces and to rule the different regions. Therefore, the Tatmadaw had to take over power unavoidably. At that time, all the people who really cherished the motherland and favoured peace and stability accepted the Tatmadaw's decision.

The majority of friends us were in the basic social class. My father was a government employee, so our family managed to withstand hardships somewhat in the anarchic time. However, my friends' parents were daily wage earners. So, my friends had to leave school and share their parents with family duties to handle hardships of basic needs. So, they could not complete their education. Now, they are dealing with vicissitudes of family life. An article said that in the 1988 unrest, artless protesters did not earn a credit, but lost their name. Some friends of mine took the wrong path due to the rumours spread by politicians.

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We had gained a lot of experience and learned lessons. As I had tried to become a student only after taking time and spending money, I thought that I should also become a professional in a certain field. So I and my friends continued studying the different branches we were interested in. I joined Government Technical Institute as I took interest in that subject. It was encouraging that while I was at the institute, the national economy was beginning to grow. There emerged a lot of local companies, joint-ventures, foreign investments, manufacturing and other services in the country within a short time. I was a dreamer then. I thought I would be able to do the job I like as soon as I finished my studies. But I didn't want to be a civil servant.

A civil servant has to carry out a duty in a disciplined, precise way with goodwill without mistakes. Civil service rules and regulations are systematically laid down. That was why thinking that becoming a government employee was not that easy, I planned to work for a certain private company. What a coincidence at the time! Some so-called experienced politicians shouted that foreign businesses should not be set up in Myanmar; investments should not be made; the existing foreign businesses should be closed down; relations should be cut; and economic sanctions should be imposed on the country. The development of the State is first and foremost important regardless of under what system or under whose rule. Think it carefully that one doesn't need to nurture a sapling any more as it has been already grown to a certain extent. Why does one want to uproot that sapling instead of trying to nurture it to be in full bloom and bear fruits? But according to them, cuts and sanctions would help

topple the government. They didn't consider what would happen and who would get into trouble. Consequently, I had to earn my living by opening a small grocery in my ward.

Our family didn't have enough money to send me abroad to work. I didn't want to work as a civil servant. With some companies closed down and some withdrawing from the country, I had to choose the most suitable job I should do. No need to say who was directly affected adversely due to such cuts and sanctions. I thought then that such politicians could not consider as much as we could. Or it might be their aim to serve their purpose in disregard of the impact on others. Did they succeed actually? Their evil acts might lead the ordinary people like us who are not rich and daily wage earners to get poorer and poorer.

Eventually, we had to put blame on our fate. But I made a decision that I would stay away from politics as well as such destructive elements. I accept the idea that confidence comes from own experiences coupled with own consideration. I have never joined any organizations as I love freedom and want to speak out if necessary without taking sides with anyone.

I have led a peaceful life by doing my own small business. As time went by, in last September there broke out monks' protest marches. Initially, they recited parittas and then they came to make political demands holding various placards and flags.

We Myanmar people love living and going round in groups. And we are very curious. Under any circumstances, we want to see an incident with our own eyes if we have never seen it before. Some might have participated in the protest marches together with the protesters, supporters and on-lookers because of their curiosity and interest. There might be also some

who participated in the protests as they were ignorant of the true situation of the incident and the ulterior motive of the protesters.

What I would like to say is that most of the people in our street want to live and earn their living in a peaceful way. They take no interest in other things. Some, as they had time, went and saw the protest marches and spread their rumours. When I told them that they should consider whether the incidents were possible or not, they looked at me as if I were their enemy. If I did my own job without going out to witness the incidents, I was again threatened.

I don't think they should do so. It would be a devastating blow to the future of our democratic nation if there were any anarchic acts by forming mobs and personal grudge whenever such disturbances occurred. Whatever we do, we should do it thoughtfully. Whatever we do, we need to look at it from all angles, political, social and religious affairs. There is one more thing that if one refuses to do a thing that another one is doing, the right of the former must be acknowledged. We have to stand on our own feet. We have to lead a life by ourselves without any assistance from any organizations.

According to reliable sources, our nation is seeing signs of progress these days. There usually comes a breeze following the storm. Due to the storm that was unbearable to experience, there were few losses but now the nation is in peace. The majority of the people are now in a position to live in peace and security. As the Sayadaw has said, the situation has been well handled. Now we, the ordinary people, are doing our jobs peacefully.

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# Ceremony to clarify true situation in response to statement of UN Country Team held

## UN Country Team in Myanmar ignores achievements of education sector, emphasizes on old and outdated data

### Such kind of false expression may affect credibility of UN

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov— The United Nations (UN) Country Team in Myanmar issued a statement concerning Myanmar on 24th October, 2007.

The statement said that it is urgently needed to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country; and that although it acknowledged the efforts of Myanmar government to build schools, hospitals and roads, there were no fundamental rights of people.

Although Myanmar is fully cooperating with the United Nations, the statement of the UN Country Team tarnishes the image of Myanmar by feeding the

Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, ambassadors, Charges d' Affaires ai, and diplomats, the UN Resident Coordinator and representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads, officials of social organizations and invited guests.

Minister U Soe Tha explained the situation concerning the statement issued by UN Country Team in Myanmar on 24 October.

The following is the clarification made by Minister U Soe Tha—

The United Nations (UN) Country Team in

increased by 1.3 times in the first four-year, 1.5 times in the second five-year and 1.8 times in the third five-year plans respectively.

In implementing the short-term four-year and five-year plans, the agriculture sector expanded by 1.3, 1.4 and 1.6 times, industry sector expanded by 1.6, 1.7 and 2.9 times and services sector also expanded by 1.3, 1.5 and 1.9 times respectively. The total sown area had increased to 50.9 million acres from 23.8 million acres showing an increase of 2.1 times. A total of 197 new dams and reservoirs were built during the last 18 years



Minister U Soe Tha clarifies true situation in response to statement of UN Country Team. — MNA

international community with wrong information.

On 25 October, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar sent a letter to the UN Country Team in Yangon to strongly reject the unusual statement.

On 31 October, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs again sent a letter to UN Secretary-General's office to reject the unusual statement saying that the statement is not in conformity with the motto of UN Day 2007, that the facts on social standard, social, health and education sectors mentioned in the statement are not based on firm evidences or true data and thus it does not reflect the objective conditions of Myanmar.

Moreover, a ceremony to clarify the true situation in response to the statement of UN Country team in Myanmar was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development here at 11.10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development

Myanmar issued the Statement on the United Nations Day, 24th October, 2007.

The UN Country Team stated that many of fundamental rights such as achieving development, prosperity, peace, security and dignity are not yet a reality for the people in Myanmar and that the people struggle everyday to meet basic needs and the urgent necessity to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country.

The statement is one-sided and entirely ignores Myanmar's present development situation.

Regarding Myanmar's development, a Press Conference was held on 17th December 2006 and Myanmar social economic development was presented thoroughly at that Press Conference. The topics included economic growth, trade, investment, infrastructure development and development initiatives.

The Country's economic system was changed into market oriented system in 1988. Short-term economic plans were implemented commencing 1992-1993. During the plan periods, the country's economy

beginning 1988-89.

Per capita GDP had increased by 3 times in the first four-year plan, 3.7 times in the second five-year plan and 4.3 times in the third five-year plan. Per capita GDP was 295,774 kyats in the year 2006-2007.

The United Nations Country Team stated that Myanmar's estimated per capita GDP is less than half of that of Cambodia or Bangladesh. Myanmar is one of the countries in the transitional economy. She has not reached fully market economic system yet as well as not yet fully integrated into the world economy. The current foreign exchange rate does not represent a true exchange rate. Per capita GDP in dollar deriving from using market current exchange rate does not represent true per capita GDP.

The Integrated Household Living Condition Assessment Project was jointly implemented by UNDP and Myanmar in 2004. The survey result indicated that the proportion of people below the poverty line at the union level stood at 32%. The ADB Key indicators for 2007 shows the proportion of people below poverty line in Bangladesh is 40% in 2005, 34.7% in Cambodia in 2004 and 32.7% in Lao PDR in 2003. It can be observed that the proportion of people below poverty line in Myanmar is not much different from that of neighbouring countries. The survey result also indicated that Myanmar's poverty line for 2004 was 162,136 kyats, whereas the per capita GDP for the year 2004 was 167,202 kyats. Thereby, the per capita GDP was higher than the poverty line at that particular year.

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## Ceremony to clarify true situation...

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The share of food expenditure in Myanmar is 68.2% of total expenditure and UN Country Team described 7% lower than the actual figure. In the year 2006-2007, the production of rice, meat, fish and prawn increased by 2.4, 5.6 and 4.2 times respectively than that of 1988.

In Myanmar, shelter is one of the basic needs. According to the survey results, 94.2% of population owns their dwellings and 99% of households have access to secure tenure.

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The expenditure for education sector increased between 40% to 65% every year and the health expenditure increased around 100 per cent every year in the last six years with the exception of the year 2005-2006.

As regards the education sector, the UN Country Team's statement has incorrectly presented the fact that the number of children who completed the basic education in Myanmar is less than 50% of total number of children.

The Ministry of Education has given official presentation on the efforts made for the upgrading of education sector as well as achievements in Myanmar in the Press Conference held early December 2006 in Nay Pyi Taw. However, the UN Country Team in Myanmar has ignored the achievements of education sector and emphasized on the old and outdated data. Such kind of false expression may affect the credibility of the United Nations.

In reality, the rate of students who have completed the primary education and attended the middle school has reached to 78.35% in 2006 from 45.6% in 1998. The Ministry of Education has launched the Thirty-Year Education Plan and six phases of 5-year programmes in order to upgrade the education sector in Myanmar.

The total number of high school in 2007 has increased to 190% comparing with that of the year 1988. Likewise the number of middle school increased by 53.8%, teachers increased by 49.3% and total students increased by 49.6%.

A total of 1,037 schools have been opened in the border areas and attended by more than 180,000 students. Students who have completed the primary education could be able to pursue middle school education through the expansion of post primary school every year, and a total of 6,200 post primary schools have already been opened up to 2007.

"All School Age Children in School Programme" has been launched throughout the country and as a result, school intake rate has reached to 98.01%. The literacy rate is 94.75%. Necessary measures have been taken to meet the international level of curricula and syllabuses of the basic education.

At the same time, the quality of teachers have also been upgraded.

The statement issued by the UN Country Team disregarded the advancement of education sector and only pointed out incorrect figures on edu-



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Japan Mr Yasuaki Nogawa in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on Page 1)—MNA

cation sector. These facts have reflected that some of the UN agencies have been used by some big powers as against the host country.

The statement also mentioned that one in three children under five are suffering from malnutrition in the health sector.

The indicator in Myanmar, regarding, malnutrition of children under five year underweight decreased from 38.6% in 1997 to 35.3% in 2000 and 31.8% in 2003. In this regard, the trend is positive.

Malnutrition of under five children is not specific in Myanmar only but it is also prevalent in some Asian Countries with 45.2%, 40% and 28.4%.

The statement mentioned that seven hundred thousand people suffered from malaria each year in Myanmar. The malaria morbidity rate has decreased from 24.5 per 1,000 population to 9.7 per 1,000 population as compared to the last 18 years. Likewise, the malaria mortality rate has come down from 10.4 per 100,000 population to 2.9 per 100,000 population as compared to the last 18 years.

The UN Country Team also stated that one hundred and thirty thousand people suffer from Tuberculosis. In fact, the National Tuberculosis Programme has been implemented since 1994 and as a result Case Detection Rate (CDR) has increased from 33% in 1994 to 43% in 1998, 73% in 2003 and 86% in 2006 respectively. Similarly, Treatment Success Rate (TSR) has also increased from 78% in 1994 to 83% in 1998 and 85% in 2005. The UN Country Team has ignored the positive trend of the health indicators and pointed out the only dark side of the coin. The statement also mentioned that among patients with HIV positive, an estimated sixty thousand people needing anti-retroviral do not yet have access to this life-saving treatment. In Myanmar, National AIDS programme has been launched and concerted

efforts have been made in collaboration with the UN agencies, International NGOs as well as regional organizations.

According to the finding of the HIV/AIDS projection and demographic impact analysis workshop conducted in 2007, HIV prevalence in Myanmar has reduced from 0.94% in 2000 to 0.67% in 2007.

The statement portrayed that Myanmar has not taken any measures for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, which is one sided view of UN Country Team.

In the UN ESCAP's publication titling "A Future Within Reach" which assesses the progress towards achieving MDG in the Asia and the Pacific region, Myanmar is shown as on track for malnourishment, reaching grade 5 and early achiever for water and sanitation.

Regarding peace and security, although Myanmar gained independence in 1948, because of the existence of insurgency, peace and stability could not be attained.

Presently 17 out of 18 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and Myanmar is now unprecedentedly having peace and security throughout the country.

The indicator measuring the poverty is poverty gap. According to the results from the integrated Household Surveys, Myanmar's poverty gap is just 0.07. ADB key indicators for 2007 shows the poverty gap in Cambodia is 3.6 (2004), 6.6 (2002) in Lao and 8.4 (2005) in Bangladesh. The UN Country Team's statement has highlighted the poverty and suffering in Myanmar. In reality, the poverty in Myanmar is not very different from the neighbouring developing countries and the suffering is not to the extent as exaggerated by the UN Country Team.

The ceremony ended at 12.30 pm.

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**The statement issued by the UN Country Team disregarded the advancement of education sector and only pointed out incorrect figures on education sector. These facts have reflected that some of the UN agencies have been used by some big powers as against the host country.**



# Secretary-1 attends dinner, ceremony to present certificates of honour to maestros, panel of judges

National customs and character are to be handed down from generation to generation for the perpetuation of the country and the people



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at a dinner hosted in honour of artistes and members of panel of judges. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — A ceremony to present certificates of honour to the maestros and the panel of judges who supervised the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held in conjunction with a dinner at City Hall here yesterday evening, attended by Patron of the Committee for Organizing Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than

and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, members of the leading committee, the auditor-general, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the office of the State Peace and Development Council, departmental heads, chairmen and members of the work committee for organizing the competitions, the sub-committee members, the judges, the supervisors from states and divisions and cultural troupes.

Secretary-1 Lt-

Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo was welcomed by Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the Leading Committee, the chairman and members of the Work Committee at the City Hall here.

The Secretary-1 delivered an address saying that with the lofty aims Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held every year. In doing so, the quality and essence of Myanmar culture can be promoted owing to the concerted efforts of the maestros. Furthermore, the competitions have gained momentum and success because of the

promotion of the quality and extension of categories of the competitions.

It is a noble custom that the dinner is held in honour of the maestros yearly. Led by the maestros the contestants across the nation have competed in all levels of competition and it reflects the capability of preservation and promotion of culture and traditions.

Our nation has a fine tradition that Myanmar traditional culture has been promoted and propagated in the successive periods. Although there has been interrelation between Myanmar culture and that of neighbouring countries, we have safeguarded our traditions and culture by promoting them. It shows the strength of culture and nationalistic spirit of the maestros.

At present, the government is committed to promotion of national culture as a national duty and encouraged the capability and cultural skill of the maestros. Nowadays, the influence of alien culture is gaining momentum through modern communication technologies and the relationship with the world nations. It is found that

some are attempting to culturally and spiritually expand influence on the developing nations including Myanmar with the help of advanced information and communication technology. Therefore, the developing countries are engaging in the task for preservation and promotion of their traditional culture.

While preserving the cultural heritage of the nation, national customs and character are to be handed down from generation to generation for the perpetuation of the country and the people.

On behalf of the government, I would like to thank the artistes for their relentless efforts for preserving and safeguarding the national cultural heritage and for promotion of traditional cultural arts.

I would like to request artistes to make efforts for turning out a new generation who can preserve and promote the traditional cultural heritage.

To flourish the traditional cultural heritage which has been preserved for successive eras, it is important to nurture the culture without harming its original essence.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all of you to make efforts for success of traditional cultural performing arts competitions in the coming years. May all of you blessed with good health and peace of mind.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented certificates of honour to artistes aged 70 and above. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented certificates of honour to members of panel of judges for singing contests, dancing contests and song composing contests.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented certificates of honour to judges for contests of playing musical instrument and to masters of ceremonies.

On behalf of artistes and judges, U Min Naung, a judge for the modern/oldies song contest, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, those present were entertained with songs and dances. Next, the dinner was held in honour of artistes and judges. After the dinner, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo cordially greeted the artistes and members of panel of judges.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents certificates of honour to artistes aged 70 and above. — MNA



# Prizes awarded to winners in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov — A ceremony to award prizes to winners in the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at City Hall, here, yesterday, attended by Patron of the Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers, deputy ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, members of CSSTB, directors-general of SPDC Office and departments concerned, members of the Leading Committee, chairmen and members of the Work Committee and

subcommittees, rectors of University of Agriculture, University of Veterinary Science and University of Forestry, members of social organizations and panel of judges, supervisors, contestants, prize winners and national race cultural groups.

U Hla Win, Daw Thida Swe and Daw Kay Khaing Swe of Myanmar Radio and Television acted as MC.

First, Patron of the Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address.

Next, the prize presentation ceremony followed.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun presented first and second prizes to Maung Wai Phyo Naing of Rakhine State and U Chan Tha of Mon State in the amateur level (first class) men's harp contest; first second and third prizes to U San Ko Lay of Bago Division, U Myo Thant of Ayeyawady Division and U Khin Maung Hsan of Mon State in the amateur level (second class) men's harp contest respectively; prizes to Maung Than Tun Aung of Mon State who stood first in the higher education level men's



**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents certificate of honour to a member of panel of judges. — MNA**



**Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents certificate of honour to a member of panel of judges. — MNA**

harp contest, Maung Myo Thu of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Rakhine State, third; prizes to Maung Naing Lin Thu who stood first in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' harp contest, Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division, second and Maung Kan Oo Aung of Bago Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Maung Lwin Wai Yan Aung of Bago Division, Maung Gaday Kyaw of Ayeyawady Division and Maung Theik Chit Aung of Mandalay Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' harp contest; and the first prize to Maung Waing

Lamin Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize to Maung Kyi Lin of Ayeyawady Division and Maung Nay Lin Oo of Magway Division in the (5-10 age group) boys' harp contest.

The minister also gave prizes to Ma Khin Swe Mya Nyunt of Mandalay Division and Daw Zar Zar Aye of Mandalay Division who stood first and second in the amateur level (first class) women's harp contest; the first prize to Ma Tin Nilar Win of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize to Daw Khin Aye Mon of Yangon Division and the third prizes to Daw Win Theingi Kyaw of Mandalay Division and Daw Htaw Nan Phaw of Rakhine State in the amateur level (second class) women's harp contest; first and second prizes to Ma Khin Moe Hein of Kayin State and Ma Gwa Sar (a) Ei Ei Mon of Ayeyawady Division in the higher education level (women's) harp contest; the first prize to Ma Hsu Yi Ko Ko of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' harp contest; the first prize to Ma Yadana Su of Mandalay Division, the second prize to Ma Wint Htet Khin of Yangon Division, the third prize to Ma Khaing Zar

Mon of Ayeyawady Division and the special prize to Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' harp contest; and prizes to Ma Paing Theint Theint Nwe of Yangon Division who stood first in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' harp contest, Ma Chu Thinz Theint of Taninthayi Division, second and Ma Cherry Lin of Mandalay Division, third.

Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint handed prizes to U Hla Than (a) Sein Wan Tin of Yangon Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's xylophone contest, Maung Kaung Thant of Mandalay Division, second and U Kaung Hset of Yangon Division, third; first, second and third prizes to U Tin Maung of Bago Division, Myanmarpyi Moe Hlyan of Mon State and Maung Aung Bo Min of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) men's xylophone contest respectively; first, second and third prizes to Maung Myo Thant of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Myo Thu of Mandalay Division and Maung Ye Min Han of Yangon Division in the higher education level (men's) xylophone

contest respectively; the first prize to Maung Zaw Min (a) Po La Pyae of Yangon Division, the second prize to Maung Nay Lin Aung (a) Sein Bo Tu of Mandalay Division and third prize to Maung Phyo Hlyan of Mon State in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' xylophone contest; first, second and third prizes to Maung Wai Yan Maung Maung of Yangon Division, Maung Aung Ko Ko of Magway Division and Maung Zaw Tint Lin of Taninthayi Division in the (10-15 age group) boys' xylophone contest respectively; prizes to Maung Hla Myo Ko of Bago Division and Maung Min Min Zaw of Ayeyawady Division who stood firsts in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' xylophone contest, Maung Htin Lin Htway of Mon State, second and Maung Saw Paing of Yangon Division, third; first, second third prizes to Daw Khin Khin Myint of Rakhine State, Daw Khaing Zar Win of Yangon Division and Daw Win Thanda Aung of Bago Division in the amateur level (first class) women's xylophone contest respectively; the first prize to Doh Bo Hla (a) Aye Thanda Lwin of Mandalay Division, the

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### Contestants and standing of states and divisions in

### 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Sr.	State/Division	Contestant	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Special	Consolation	Total
1.	Yangon	688	95	65	49	-	-	209
2.	Mandalay	550	34	46	30	-	1	111
3.	Ayeyawady	270	15	17	14	-	-	46
4.	Bago	158	14	12	9	-	-	35
5.	Rakhine	83	10	6	8	2	9	35
6.	Mon	101	8	9	11	2	2	32
7.	Kachin	58	7	5	3	4	3	22
8.	Sagaing	254	5	4	11	-	-	20
9.	Kayin	46	5	4	4	5	3	21
10.	Taninthayi	37	2	3	5	-	-	10
11.	Chin	39	2	-	-	6	1	9
12.	Shan	54	1	3	8	1	-	13
13.	Kayah	29	1	-	2	2	6	11
14.	Magway	78	-	2	3	-	-	5
	Total	2445	199	176	157	22	25	579



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second prize to Ma Hsu Myat Naing (a) Phyu Sin Phway of Mandalay Division and the third prize to Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of Ayeyawady Division in the amateur level (second class) women's xylophone contest; first, second and third prizes to Ma Tin Zar Aye Lwin of Yangon Division, Ma Sein Moe of Bago Division and Ma Aye Su Mar of Mon State in the higher education level (women's) xylophone contest respectively; prizes to Ma Aye Nyein Thu of Mandalay Division who stood first in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' xylophone contest, Ma Kay Zin Chit Hsu of Yangon Division, second and Ma Yadana Lin of Yangon Division, third; the first prize to Ma May Thu Win of Yangon Division, Ma Zarni Nan Lwin of Yangon Division and Ma Aye Chan Moe of Sagaing Division and the special prize to Ma Swé Nwe Nwe Win of Kachin State in the (10-15 age group) girls' xylophone contest; and first, second and third prizes to Ma Thin Yadana Aung of Kachin State, Ma Thin Nanda Eint of Mandalay Division and Ma Ei Thanda Khin of Ayeyawady Division in the (5-10 age group) girls' xylophone contest respectively.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe awarded prizes to U Maung Soe Thein of Rakhine State who stood first in the amateur level (first class) men's piano contest, U Myint Aung of Ayeyawady Division, second and U Tint Naing of Yangon Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Maung Zaw Min Oo of Yangon Division, Maung Pa Zaw Hein of Yangon Division and Maung Thant Zin Htwe of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (second class) men's piano contest respectively; Maung Ye Min Han of Yangon Division, Maung Thet Aung of Rakhine State and Maung Aung Min Thu of Yangon Division in the higher education level men's piano contest respectively; Maung Hein Htoo Zaw of Yangon Division, Maung Kaung Hset Lu of Mandalay Division and Maung Thein Bo Bo of Sagaing Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' piano contest respectively; Maung Aung Ko Ko Hla of Yangon Division, Maung Aung Si Min Htet of Yangon Division and Maung Htet Naing Win of Rakhine State and the special prize to Maung Lar

Paw of Kachin State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' piano contest respectively; and first prizes to Maung Thura Aung Myat Min San of Mandalay Division and Maung Swan Htet of Mandalay Division, the second prize to Maung Ko Ko Aung of Yangon Division, the third prize to Maung Waing Lamin Aung of Yangon Division and the special prize to Maung Sai Khay Hlyam of Shan State in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' piano contest.

The minister also presented prizes to Daw Tin Sanda Win of Bago Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's piano

contest, Ma Hnin Aye Wai of Yangon Division, second and Ma Nyein Aye Thu of Mandalay Division, third; the first prize to Ma Wut Yi Shun of Yangon Division, the second prize to Ma Yadana Oo of Mandalay Division, third prizes to Ma Hnin Htet Aye of Yangon Division and Ma Jaw Hsai Zin of Kachin State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' piano contest; and first, second and third prizes to Ma Htet Htet Win Pyone Ei of Mandalay Division, Ma Than Thar Oo Wai of Mandalay Division and Ma Khaing



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun presents prize to a winner in higher education level women's harp contest. — MNA

Division, U Tin Shwe of Mon State, U Kyaw Myint of Rakhine State and U Saw Min Lwin of Kayin State in the amateur level (second class) men's Myanmar guitar contest; first prizes to Maung Chan Hein Aung of Yangon Division and Maung Phyo Min Zaw of Kachin State, the second prize to Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division and the third prize to Maung Thura of Kayin State in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' Myanmar guitar contest; first, second and third prizes to Maung Htet Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Division, Maung Min Htut of Yangon Division and Maung Nan Tein Yan Tun of Bago Division in basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' Myanmar guitar contest respectively; Maung Waing Lamin Aung of Yangon Division, Maung Sithu Tun of Yangon Division and Maung Myo Naing Oo of Mandalay Division in basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' Myanmar guitar contest respectively; prizes to Daw Khaing Khaing Myint of Bago Division and Daw Ohnma of Ayeyawady Division who secured the first and second prizes in the amateur level (first class) women's Myanmar guitar contest; first, second and third prizes to Ma Nwe Zin Win of Yangon Division, Daw Ywet Nu

Khaing of Yangon Division and Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of Ayeyawady Division in amateur level (second class) women's Myanmar guitar contest respectively; the first prize to Ma Phyo Phyo Lin of Bago Division and the second prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' Myanmar guitar contest respectively; second prizes to Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division and Ma Po Ei Kyi Thu Hsan of Yangon Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' Myanmar guitar contest respectively; and first and second prizes to Ma May Aye Aye Chan (a) Kyar Lay Sein of Yangon Division and Ma Thet Htar Wai of Yangon Division in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' Myanmar guitar contest respectively.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave prizes to U San Htwe of Rakhine State and U Kyi Shwe of Yangon Division who stood firsts in the amateur level (first class) men's mandolin contest, U Min Zaw of Bago Division, second, and U Tin Win of Yangon Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Maung Maung Lwin (a) Pauk Khaung Maung Maung Lay of Yangon Division, Daw Ywet Nu



Minister Col Thein Nyunt presents prize to a winner in amateur level (second class) women's Myanmar guitar contest. — MNA

contest, Daw Lwin Mie Tun of Mandalay Division, second and Daw Khin Swe Mya Kyi of Mandalay Division, third; Daw Hnin Ei Phyu of Ayeyawady Division who secured first prize in the amateur level (second class) women's piano contest, Daw Khin San Hlaing of Yangon Division, the second prize, and Daw Aye Thida Hlaing of Yangon Division, the third prize; first, second and third prizes to Ma Nay Yi Aung of Mandalay Division, Ma Thi Thi Zin of Shan State and Ma Tin Zar Aye Lwin of Yangon Division in the higher education level women's piano contest; prizes to Ma Chan Myae

Htet Htet Lin of Ayeyawady Division and the special prize to Ma J Khong Hsai Mai of Kachin State in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' piano contest.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt gave prizes to U Khin Maung Win of Yangon Division who secured the first prize in the amateur level (first class) men's Myanmar guitar contest; U Khin Maung Than of Bago Division, the second prize, and U Myint Kyi of Yangon Division, the third prize; first, second, third and special prizes to U Hla Myint of Yangon



Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents prize to a winner in higher education level men's mandolin contest. — MNA



## Strengths and weaknesses of 15th performing arts competitions reviewed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Nov—A coordination meeting took place at the Ministry of Culture here this afternoon to review the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Art Competitions.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for the competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin in his speech said that the competitions have been completed successfully due to the contributions of officials from the work committee and subcommittees, doyen artistes and staff members of relevant departments towards the Leading Committee. He said he believed that in general, the competitions are deemed successful, however, the subcommittees and the work groups faced difficulties some way or another. The meeting was thus held.

He called on responsible persons at all levels to make sure that fashionable musical instruments can be used next competitions. He also urged them to review the subjects and hold discussions about the strengths and weaknesses of the competitions.

Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivered a speech.

The chairmen and officials of the committee and subcommittees reported on arrangements. The chairmen and officials of the work groups of respective subjects and representatives from the states and divisions submitted their findings.

The attendees held discussions and submitted general matters regarding the competitions.

The commander gave closing remarks.

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Division, U Ko Ko Win of Bago Division and U Tun Naing Oo (a) Phaung Phaung of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) men's mandolin contest respectively; the first prize to Maung Nyi Nyi Lwin of Yangon Division, Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Rakhine State and Maung Nyan Wint Aung of Mandalay Division in the higher education level men's mandolin contest; first, second and third prizes to Maung Aung Naing Win of Rakhine State, Maung Ye Win Aung of Bago Division and Maung Thet Aung Soe of Ayeyawady Division in



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents a prize to a winner in amateur level (first class) women's mandolin contest. — MNA

YANGON, 2 Nov— Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspected tax-free markets, here, this morning and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

At 6.30 pm, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence arrived at the tax-free market at the corner of Razadarit Road and Anawrahta Road in Ward 38 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township where he was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental officials,



Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits tax-free market in Dagon Myothit (North) township. —MNA

the chairman of Yangon East District PDC and officials.

Accompanied by the Commander and party, Lt-Gen Myint Swe visited

tax-free markets in Dagon Myothit (North), Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya, Sangyong and Mayangon townships.

Officials reported on

sales of goods at reasonable prices at the markets. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe left necessary instructions. —MNA

the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' mandolin contest respectively; Maung Toe Toe of Yangon Division, Maung Chan Hein Aung of Yangon Division and Maung Htein Lin Aung of Mandalay Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' mandolin contest respectively; and first and second prizes to Maung Sithu Tun of Yangon Division and Maung Po Po Htet Aung of Ayeyawady Division in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' mandolin contest respectively.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents a prize to a winner in amateur level (second class) men's xylophone contest. — MNA

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min handed prizes to Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's mandolin contest, Daw Ohnma Kyaw of Mandalay Division, second, and Daw Ohnma of Ayeyawady Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Daw Nan Thuza of Bago Division, Ma Nway Zin Win of Yangon Division and Ma Tin Zar Nway of Kachin State in the amateur level (second class) women's mandolin contest respectively; first and second prizes to



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents a prize to a winner in amateur level (first class) men's piano contest. — MNA

Ma Aye Su Mar of Mon State and Ma Hsu Lè Yi Aung of Yangon Division in the higher education level (women's) mandolin contest respectively; first, second and third prizes to Ma Theint Theint Htwe of Bago Division, Ma Honey Wai Yan Tun of Ayeyawady Division and Ma Thaw Thaw Oo of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' mandolin contest respectively; Ma Po Ei Kyi Thu San of Yangon Division and Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division, Ma Le Yi Win of Bago Division and Ma Nang Khin May of Shan State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' mandolin contest respectively; and first and second prizes to Ma Khin Pyae Son Aung of Yangon Division and Ma Thet Htar Wai of Yangon Division in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' mandolin contest respectively.

(The programme of presenting prizes to the winners from donmin, oboe, violin, Ozi, Dobat and orchestra solo and troupe contests will be reported on 4 November issue.) — MNA



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2.	Steel Structure for Kiln Support Column	1 Set	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
3.	Grinding Media	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
4.	Heat Resistance Kiln Hanging chain	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
5.	Electrical & Machinery Spare Part	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
6.	Truck Scale (60) Tons	1 Set	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
7.	Draphragm Pump (16"0)	3 Sets	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
8.	Raw Material for H.T Insulator Plant	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
9.	12-M-Pre-Stress Concrete Pole (H.T) (လျှပ်စစ်ခေါ်စီးတိုင်)	750 Nos	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
10.	15-M-Pre-Stress Concrete Pole (H.T) (လျှပ်စစ်ခေါ်စီးတိုင်)	8 Nos	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
11.	Refractories for Glass Factory	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
12.	Refractories Cement	3 Items	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
13.	ရိတ်သံ	15 Tons	5.11.2007	26.11.2007

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**DRIVE WITH CARE**

**Soeharto says to donate "time" damages to poor**

JAKARTA, 2 Nov—Former Indonesian president Soeharto has said he would donate to the poor the bulk of the more than 100 million US dollars in damages he has been awarded in a libel suit against *Time* magazine, a magazine reported.  
 In a rare interview, the former autocratic leader told *Gatra* weekly news magazine that he would also donate 35 per cent of the one trillion rupiah (109.9 million US dollars) granted to him by the Supreme Court in a

September ruling to the state. *Time*, owned by Time Warner Inc, published a May 1999 cover story alleging Soeharto and his family had amassed a fortune of around 15 billion US dollars, including nine billion US dollars in an Austrian bank account.  
 Time plans to challenge the court's decision.  
 "I'm becoming rich suddenly," Soeharto said in the interview, with a laugh. "I will donate all to the poor."  
 Soeharto, 86, said he was not perturbed by

accusations of corruption. "Let them say what they say. The truth is, I did not engage in corruption. And now I have been granted one trillion," he said, referring to the ruling against *Time*.  
 MNA/Reuters

**US benefits from service trade with China**

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—The latest trade data has showed that America benefited a lot from the service trade with China, said a commentary carried by Tuesday's *The Wall Street Journal*.  
 "The US trade deficit with China is such a hot political issue in Washington these days that it's easy to forget the gains America reaps from doing business with China," said the article, adding the latest trade data on services make for enlightening reading.  
 The Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis shows that America's service sector had a 3.7-billion-dollar trade surplus with China last year.

However, in 2005 the surplus was 2.4 billion dollars, up from 515 million dollars in 1992.  
 US service exports cover a wide range of economic activities, from parcel shipping to investment banking. Education is one of America's top service exports (a one billion dollar surplus), said the article.  
 China is now the ninth largest purchaser of American services. According to a study prepared late last year by Oxford Economics for the US-China Business Council, America's service-trade surplus could reach 15 billion dollars a year by 2015.  
 MNA/Xinhua

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries invites the following sealed tenders for the renovation and upgrading of existing Yeni No(2) Paper Mill on Turn-key basis.  
 (1) To renovate and upgrade the existing pulp mill to meet the design capacity of 40 ton per day.  
 (2) To renovate the existing paper mill to meet the original design capacity of 30 ton per day.  
 (3) To install a cardboard paper producing plant with a production capacity of 20 ton per day.  
 At present, the existing Yeni No(2) Paper Mill Plant condition is able to produce only 15~18 ton of Kraft Sack Paper per day.  
 Tender documents are available at the office of the General Manager (Project), Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry (1), Office No (41), Nay Pyi Taw, commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007.  
 Bids are to reach the Director General, Directorate of Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, on or before 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at (14:00)hrs, indicated FOB (Port of Shipment), and CIF Yangon prices in EURO. Any Tender received after that date will not be considered.  
 Tenders will be accepted only from Tenderer who has purchased Tender Documents officially.  
 Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without furnishing reasons.  
**Managing Director**  
**Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV DRACO VOY NO (-)**  
 Consignees of cargo carried on MV DRACO VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4.11.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
 Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.  
 No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**  
**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**  
**AGENT FOR: MARITIME KOREA CO, LTD**  
 Phone No: 256924/256914

**Mexico seizes over 11 metric tons of cocaine**

MEXICO CITY, 2 Nov—Mexican police and Customs have seized more than 11 tons of cocaine at a port on the country's Pacific coast, one of the largest-ever hauls in Mexico, the government said on Wednesday.  
 Police found the narcotics, the second major haul this month, on board a Hong Kong-flagged container ship from Colombia at the Manzanillo Port in Colima State on Tuesday, Mexico's attorney general's office said.  
 "So far, 10,516 packets of drugs have been counted weighing more than 11 tons ... one of the largest amounts of cocaine ever seized in this country's history," the office said in a statement.  
 Mexican soldiers seized at least 11 tons of cocaine earlier this month at a town on Mexico's Atlantic coast.  
 President Felipe Calderon has deployed thousands of troops across Mexico to attack the dominant Gulf and Sinaloa cartels since taking office in December.  
 MNA/Reuters

**London police arrest 12 in 1970s child abuse inquiry**

LONDON, 2 Nov—Police said on Thursday they have arrested 12 people in connection with allegations of child abuse in the 1970s and 1980s.  
 The 10 men and two women were detained in the New Milton and Lymington area of the New Forest and at Stevenage in Hertfordshire.  
 About 70 police officers from Hampshire were involved in the operation, which was described as meticulous and large-scale.  
 The 12 suspects are being questioned at police stations across Hampshire.  
 A team of 10 detectives has been investigating allegations of physical and sexual child abuse during the past four months.  
 No further details were immediately available. — MNA/Reuters



A man views the golden jewellery in China International Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Nov, 2007. The 2007 China International Jewellery Show kicked off in Beijing on Thursday, attracting 500 jewellery companies at home and abroad. — XINHUA



# China, Jordan celebrate anniversary of diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Jordanian Embassy to China held here on Wednesday a reception to mark the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Jordan and China.

Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan and Jordanian King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein attended the reception.

Tang said bilateral relations between China

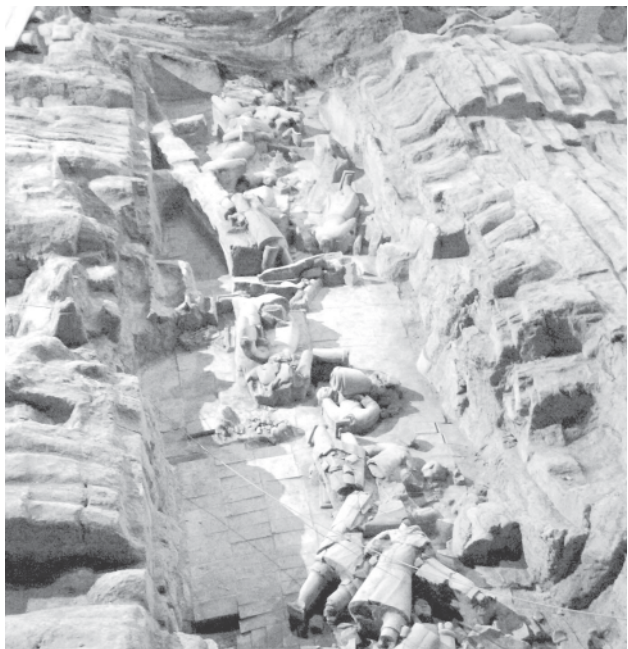
and Jordan have made remarkable progress over the 30 years with closer exchanges and cooperation and deepening friendship.

China will join hands with Jordan to carry forward the traditional friendship and create a brighter future of China-Jordan ties, Tang said.

Abdullah said Jordan supports China's important role in inter-

national affairs and hopes to strengthen bilateral cooperation in politics, economy and trade, investment, culture and education.

MNA/Xinhua



Picture taken on Nov. 1, 2007, shows the terracotta warriors inside the No.2 pit of the famed Mausoleum of Qinshihuang in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, Nov. 1, 2007. The pit is to be closed to visitors for almost six-month repairing starting from Thursday. — XINHUA

## Beijing declaration released at ASEM

### SMEs, meeting

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Ministers from Asian countries and Europe released here on Wednesday the Beijing declaration to enhance exchanges among the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) members and establish effective cooperation mechanisms for small-and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The declaration said it is important to improve the trade and investment climate among ASEM members and promote cooperation in such fields as trade facilitation, services, transfer of

technology and intellectual property rights.

The declaration suggested strengthening exchanges on financing policies for SMEs,

promoting innovation for financial products and services, and improving investment mechanisms for starting businesses.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russia warns foreigners not to meddle in elections

Moscow, 2 Nov — The Kremlin warned foreigners on Wednesday not to interfere in Russia's parliamentary elections after it cut sharply the number of Western observers permitted to view the polls, drawing criticism from the United States.

"No country will accept any attempts from abroad to try to influence it," Kremlin deputy spokesman Dmitry Peskov told a news conference. "It's a matter of sovereignty of the country."

Peskov was speaking after Europe's main democracy watchdog, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), said Moscow had imposed "unprecedented" restrictions on its observation

mission to the December 2 elections.

The vote is widely viewed as a referendum on President Vladimir Putin's almost eight years in power. Polls suggest his United Russia bloc will win an overwhelming majority of seats but the opposition has complained that Putin's backing gives the party an unfair advantage.

OSCE spokeswoman Urdur Gunnarsdottir said Russia had invited a maximum of 70 observers for a short-term mission to December's vote — less than a quarter of the number sent for the last such elections in 2003, and for a shorter period.

MNA/Reuters

## Man-eating tiger captured in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 Nov — A Sumatran tiger believed to have made humans as its prey was captured alive in Indonesia's Aceh Province early Wednesday.

The tiger, measuring about 1.5 metres in length, fell into a traditional cage-like trap made of wood in Meukek District in the northernmost Sumatra Province.

"Local residents believed the tiger has eaten humans and cattle," Meukek District head Manaf Aldy was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

He claimed that tiger attacks have killed at least four people from several villages in the district over the last few months.

"Most people here who make a living on farming

and planting cannot do their normal activities terrorized by tiger and elephant attacks," he said.

The captured tiger was handed to local authorities for conservation.

Sumatran tiger is considered endangered species in Indonesia, which has about 400 of them, mostly in national parks.

MNA/Xinhua

## China starts developing new heavy-duty carrier rockets

TIANJIN, 1 Nov — China is building a new range of carrier rockets designed to send heavy-weight satellites into space, boosting the current carrying capacity by nearly three times, a space expert has said.

The Long March 5 rockets will be able to carry payloads of up to 25 tons for low earth orbit satellites, up from the current limit of 9.2 tons, said Wu Yansheng, president of the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT), which is developing the new series of launch vehicles.

"Meanwhile, the carrying capacity can reach 14 tons from the current 2.6 to 5.4 tons while sending satellites

into geosynchronous orbit, like Chang'e-1," Wu said.

China's first lunar probe, Chang'e-1, named after a legendary Chinese goddess who flew to the moon, blasted off on a Long March 3A carrier rocket at 6:05 pm on 24 October from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwestern Sichuan Province.

In addition to bigger capacity, the Long March 5 rockets will be designed using pollution-free technologies, Wu said.

"The new generation of carrier rockets are

expected to blast off within six to seven years," said Ma Xingrui, general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The Long 5 March rockets will lift off from a new space launch centre in Wenchang, in the southern island province of Hainan.

The new centre, the fourth in China, is expected to be completed in 2012 and formally put into use in 2013.

The new series of rockets will be made in a new base located at the

Binhai New Area in the northern port city of Tianjin, and construction on the base has kicked off on Tuesday.

The first phase of the carrier rocket base, to cover 3,000 mu (200 hectares) in area, will be completed at the end of 2009.

A total of 4.5 billion yuan (600 million US dollars) will be invested in the project, said Yu Liegui, deputy head of the Commission of Science Technology and Industry for National Defence.

MNA/Xinhua

## California wildfires unleash climate-warming carbon

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — California wildfires pumped nearly eight million metric tons of climate-warming carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in just a week, about one-quarter as much as fossil fuels do in that state in a month, scientists said on Wednesday.

The release of carbon

dioxide in wildfires is part of the natural cycle in which burning plays an important role, the scientists reported in the online journal Carbon Balance and Management.

And the ebb and flow of carbon that is alternately sucked up and emitted by plants is

different from that spewed by fossil-fuelled factories and vehicles.

Overall, the study estimates that fires in the contiguous United States and Alaska release about 290 million metric tons of carbon dioxide a year, equivalent to 4 to 6 per cent of US emissions from the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil.

These figures are hard to pin down because of the challenge of figuring out how much carbon was tied up in the plants that burned, and what percentage of the plants actually went up in flames in different kinds of fires, said Jason Neff of the University of Colorado at Boulder, a co-author of the study.

MNA/Reuters



# SPORTS

## Mitroglou strike seals Greek Super Cup win for Olympiakos

ATHENS, 1 Nov — Olympiakos Piraeus won the Greek Super Cup by beating Larissa 1-0 at the Karaiskakis Stadium on Wednesday.

The Super League champions overcame the cup holders thanks to a goal from 19-year-old Costas Mitroglou in the 39th minute.

It was the first time the Super Cup has been played since 1996.

Meanwhile, Super League clubs Panathinaikos and Panionios reached the fifth round of the Greek Cup with wins at Ethnikos Asteras and Kastoria.

Panathinaikos overcame Ethnikos Asteras 3-1 despite playing with only 10 men after the 44th-minute dismissal of Argentine midfielder Sebastian Romero.

The Greens were already 2-0 ahead thanks to goals by Dame N'Doye and Vangelis Mantzios and Mantzios extended the lead just after the interval. Ethnikos Asteras reduced the deficit after 66 minutes courtesy of Mimis Beniskos.

Panionios won 3-2 at Kastoria, storming into a 3-0 lead before the hosts gave the UEFA Cup hopefuls a scare by pulling two goals back.

Third Division Fostiras play AEK Athens on Thursday and Ethnikos host OFI. — MNA/Reuters

## Real storm to 5-1 win over sorry Valencia

MADRID, 1 Nov — Real Madrid hit four goals in a devastating first-half spell as they stormed to a 5-1 away win over Valencia at the Mestalla on Wednesday.

A second-minute strike from Raul, a Ruud van Nistelrooy double and a superb shot from defender Sergio Ramos put Bernd Schuster's side 4-0 up after just 37 minutes while Robinho added a

classy fifth midway through the second half.

The win left Real four points clear of Villarreal at the top of the table and five ahead of Barcelona who are away at Valladolid on Thursday. Villarreal moved into second spot after a crushing 3-0 win at home to basement side Levante, the goals coming courtesy of an early strike from Mexico international Guillermo Franco, a

Giuseppe Rossi penalty and a Pascal Cygan header.

Levante, the only side in the Primera Liga yet to post a win this season, remain anchored to the foot of the table with just one point from 10 games.

Atletico Madrid moved up to fourth, level on 20 points with Barca after a highly entertaining 4-3 win over Sevilla at the Calderon. Argentine for-

ward Maxi Rodriguez put 3-2 up with a spectacular flying volley 20 minutes from time and midfielder Jurado added a fourth with a classy finish before Luis Fabiano pulled back a late goal back for the visitors with his second of the night.

Valencia sacked their coach Quique Sanchez Flores after Sunday's 3-0 defeat at Sevilla, but if the move was designed to spark a reaction from the team it backfired spectacularly as Raul put Real in front with just over a minute on the clock.

The Real striker stroked home from the edge of the area to score his fifth goal of the season after Robinho had sliced his way through the ragged Valencia back four.

Strike partner Van Nistelrooy missed a double opportunity to extend his side's lead moments after, but the Dutchman atoned for his error when he scored a delightful second on 25 minutes.

MNA/Reuters



Liu Xiongwei (L2) of Guangzhou competes in the men's 200m race finals at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 1 Nov, 2007. Liu won the gold medal of the event with 21.16 seconds. — INTERNET

## German Cup holders Nuremberg go out on penalties

BERLIN, 1 Nov — Second Division Carl Zeiss Jena knocked holders Nuremberg out of the German Cup on penalties in the second round on Wednesday.

Nuremberg, who are struggling this season in the Bundesliga, led in normal time and again during extra-time but could not finish off a Jena team that eventually came through 5-4 in the shoot-out.

Favourites Bayern Munich came safely through with a 3-1 win at home to Second Division leaders Borussia Moenchengladbach, thanks to two goals from Italian striker Luca Toni and one from Miroslav Klose.

The 13-times Cup winners were joined in the last 16 by Hamburg SV, who won 3-1 against Freiburg, and league

champions VfB Stuttgart, who came through 3-2 in extra-time against Second Division SC Paderborn thanks to a late goal from Mario Gomez.

Werder Bremen hammered Duisburg 4-0 with goals from Tim Borowski, Hugo Almeida, Markus Rosenberg and Colombian teenager John Jairo Mosquera, all in the second half. — MNA/Reuters

## Roma win Derby 3-2 Milan thump Sampdoria

MILAN, 1 Nov — Second-placed AS Roma came from behind to beat city rivals Lazio 3-2 on Wednesday and Alberto Gilardino scored twice to help AC Milan rediscover their form with a 5-0 victory at Sampdoria.

All of Serie A's top sides won with David Trezeguet netting his second hat-trick of the campaign in Juve's 3-0 victory over Empoli while leaders Inter Milan beat Genoa 4-1.

Fiorentina edged out Napoli 1-0 thanks to Christian Vieri's second-half strike from Adrian Mutu's low cross.

Inter have 24 points from 10 games, Roma are

three points behind while Juventus and Fiorentina are four adrift. Mid-table Milan move above Sampdoria after a third league win this season.

Roma, without injured skipper Francesco Totti, went behind in the 129th Rome league derby when Lazio striker Tommaso Rocchi took advantage of slack defending to score after 12 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

Xia Song of Changchun competes in the men's team finals of archery at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 1 Nov, 2007. The team of Changchun beat that of Nanjing with 207-204 and won the gold medal. — XINHUA

## Lyon through to League Cup quarterfinals

PARIS, 1 Nov — Six-times French champions Olympique Lyon advanced to the quarterfinals of the League Cup with a 3-1 win at fellow Ligue 1 club Caen on Wednesday.

Ivory Coast forward Kader Keita put the league leaders in front with an angled shot on 17 minutes.

Caen forward Elliot Grandin levelled for the home side on the half-hour

but Lyon were soon back on top and created a string of chances before midfielder Mathieu Bodmer restored their lead with a header from a free kick on 76 minutes.

Substitute forward Karim Benzema beat the offside trap to wrap the tie up with three minutes left.

Lyon will now face the winners of Thursday's fourth-round tie between second division Niort and Ligue 1 side Le Mans.

Paris St. Germain recorded their first home win of the season when they beat second division Montpellier 2-0 courtesy of two Pauleta goals earlier on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

## Ajax beat Heerenveen 3-1 to reach last 16 of Dutch Cup

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 1 Nov — Ajax Amsterdam swept into the last 16 of the Dutch Cup with a 3-1 home victory over Heerenveen on Wednesday.

John Heitinga opened the scoring after seven minutes and Hedwiges Maduro doubled the lead 20 minutes later.

Striker Klaas Jan Huntelaar settled the third round tie on the counter-attack midway through the second half before Michael Bradley scored a consolation goal for the visitors.

Anthony Lurling struck 11 minutes from time to earn NAC Breda a 3-2 away win at Sparta Rotterdam.

Ronnie Stam and Sander van Gessel scored first-half goals to put Breda in the driving seat, only for Nourdin Boukhari and Sjaak Polak to level for Sparta after the break.

MNA/Reuters





# Iraqis ready to take control of oil terminals

IRAQI OIL TERMINALS (Northern Gulf), 2 Nov — Iraqi soldiers aboard the patrol boat scan the waters around them before they give permission to US sailors to approach the Gulf oil terminal.

For the first time since US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein more than four years ago, Iraqi soldiers are taking charge of protecting the country's greatest assets against insurgents under a plan to hand over control to Iraqis.

"The Iraqis are doing the job," said Australian Captain Philip Spedding, who manages coalition Northern Gulf operations. "They're the ones manning the gun positions and the

radar, talking on the radio. It's close to transition point on the terminals."

Iraq's southern oil fields and export facilities have largely escaped the kind of insurgent attacks that had regularly hit pipelines and oil installations in other parts of Iraq.

But Iraqis guarding the two terminals point to neighbouring states and saboteurs as potential threats. An armed Iranian lookout post is visible from one of the terminals.

Rival Shiite militias are vying for control of oil exports in southern Iraq, which contains the otherwise landlocked country's only access to

## Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Mahadevi of Kokang) (1925-2007)

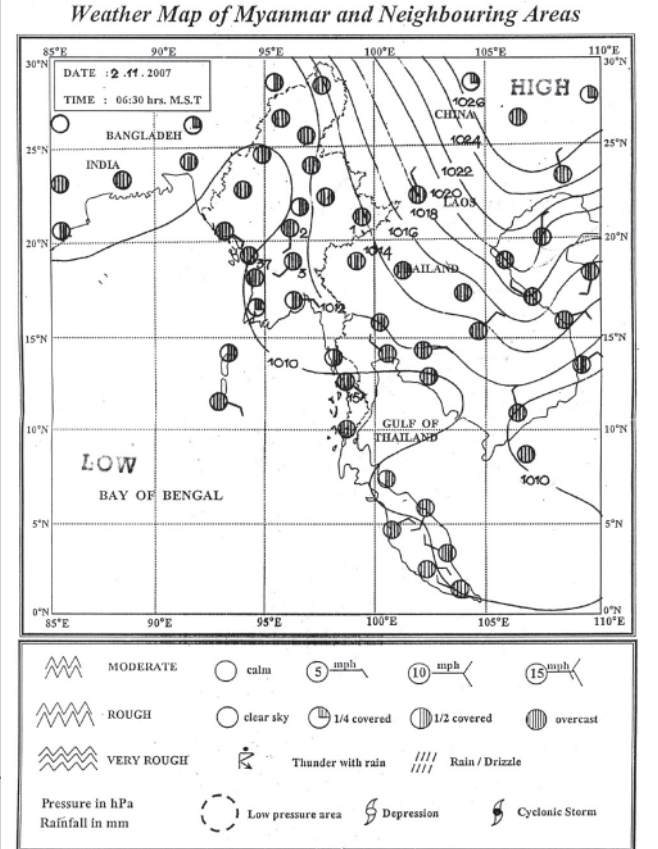
Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Formerly Mahadevi of Kokang) of No.5 Melikha Rd, Mayangon, Yangon, beloved wife of (Yang Kyein Sai @Edward Yang-Formerly Saophalong of Kokang), beloved mother of Jackie Yang (David Rettie), Laura Yang- Tom, Lena Yang, Oscar Yang, Helen Yang, Faith Yang- Guenther E. Wolf, Elfreda Yang- James Goodro and Ernest Yang, beloved grandmother of Lee Yang Rettie, Meiling Reetie, Pailing, (Melissa), Lynn Wolf, Ming Wolf, Marcus Wolf, EJ. Goodroe, John Goodroe, Cathy Goodroe and Ronnie Goodroe, beloved sister of Nancy passed away peacefully at her residence on October 25, 2007 (Thursday) 4 am.

Funeral cortege will leave the above residence for Yayway Cemetery for burial on 5th November 2007.

**Bereaved family**

the sea, as British troop gradually hand over control to Iraqis.

Sailors from US-allied countries have been training Iraqis since soon after the 2003 invasion, in an effort to rebuild a Navy devastated by sanctions and wars. — MNA/Reuters



### WEATHER

Friday, 2 November, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Bago and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Division. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperature in upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Mandalay Division and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukse (1.65) inches, Yamethin and Kyaukpyu (1.57) inches each and Myeik (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-11-2007 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 2-11-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-11-2007 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 1-11-2007 was (6.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (142.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northeast at (08:30) hours MST on 31-10-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-11-2007:** Scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Northern Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-11-2007:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-11-2007:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-11-2007:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather outlook for first weekend of November 2007:** During the coming weekend, possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 3 November

**Tune in today**

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music  
-Must have been high
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-She's my girl
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music  
-Come into my life
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music  
-The light
- 1:30 pm News /slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request  
-Where does my heart now  
-You Sang to me
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news  
Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture...Dr Khin Maung Nyunt  
-The month of Thadingyut II  
-Day dreaming
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs  
-I can't stop loving you  
-Day dreaming
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 3 November  
**View on today**

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitation of parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am  
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am  
6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am  
7. ဝိုင်ကျပျော်စရာထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am  
8. International news
- 8:45 am  
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am  
1. Martial song
- 11:15 am  
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am  
3. Games for children
- 12:00 am  
4. Round up of the week's TV local news

- 12:45 pm  
5. လောကနီတိ(၄) "လှပခြင်း၏ အဓိပ္ပါယ်" (အကယ်ဒမီစင်ပိုင်၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးခင်ဇော်)
- 1:15 pm  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:25 pm  
7. သဒ္ဒါကြည့်ဖြူပေးကာလှူ ဆေးလောကသစ်မှတ်တိုင်ထူ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 1:40 pm  
8. Dance of national races
- 2:00 pm  
9. ဆင်းရွှေလိကြဲ
- 2:15 pm  
10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:25 pm  
11. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (လေ့ကျင့်ကြိုးစား လေ့လာအားကစား)
- 2:35 pm  
12. ပို့ကုန်သွင်းကုန်များသယ်ပို့ စွမ်းအားဖြည့်တင်းထား ဒဂုံတံတား
- 2:45 pm  
13. International news
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song for uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ်

- (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm  
4. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:55 pm  
5. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ
- 5:30 pm  
6. Games for children
- 5:35 pm  
7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm  
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
10. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးတောလုံး အားကစား)
- 6:50 pm  
11. Musical programme
- 7:05 pm  
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်ဆမ်းမှ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm  
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စရာပျိုကညာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 17. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တ သာရာဘိဝံသ ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 18. The next day's programme

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# People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

## Who are the winners, who the losers from violent protests?

- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**  
 Peace-loving people have to live in state of alarm  
 Learning of students disrupted  
 Commodity flow stagnant  
 Vendors have hard times  
 Passenger transport services delayed
- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**  
 Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited  
 Instigators covertly earning dollars  
 Expatriates and ax-handles living in luxury  
 Followers of colonialists earning handsome dollar rewards

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of  
 killers in the air waves —  
 RFA, VOA and BBC**

- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying  
 VOA deceiving  
 RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers**